



Rockingham Planning Commission

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Mr. William E. Watson, P.E.
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RE: Rockingham MPO 2007-2010 TIP Administrative Modification Amendments (NHDOT Monthly Minor Revisions– December, 2008)

Dear Bill:

We have received the above-referenced request to amend seven projects in the Rockingham MPO FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program under our Administrative Modifications procedures.

The modification proposed is summarized as follows and is more fully described in the attached “Monthly Minor Revisions – February 2009” table which you provided.

February 9, 2009 Request seven (7) Projects proposed for administrative modification and 9 others with informational changes:

Proj. No./ ID#	Location/ Community	Description	Proposed Change(s)	Comment/ Other
COAST	COAST	Misc. Bus Station Equipment	Adds \$143,000 in stimulus funds to 2009.	
COAST	COAST	Capital Program	Adds \$2.099 million in stimulus funds to the COAST Capital Program. FTA 5307 allocations are reduced for 2010-2012 to keep the total increase within the requirements for a minor revision. These allocations will be replaced as part of TIP/STIP Amendment #1 in March.	
14376	Portsmouth	Paint Bridge approaches to bridge over Piscataqua River – 258/128 [ESP]	New project for \$11 million in 2009 that is being broken out from the Statewide BRPPI* and is being advanced using stimulus funds	
13880	Rochester-Somersworth-Dover-Newington-Portsmouth	“Express” bus service for general public between Rochester & Portsmouth to have timely connections with inter-city & local transportation services [02-29CM] [ESP]	Adds \$480,000 in stimulus funding to the project for 2009	

	Statewide Transit	Rural Public Transit	Project expanded utilizing \$3.5 million in stimulus funds. 2012 allocations adjusted so that the total increase in funding is \$793,000. 2012 funding will be restored in TIP Amendment #1	
	Statewide Transit	Capital Equipment for I-93 & I-95	Adds \$2.0 million in stimulus funding to this project. Reduces 2010-2012 allocations to maintain a total increase of \$316,000. 2010-2012 Allocations will be restored in TIP Amendment #1.	
BRPPI*	Statewide	Bridge Rehabilitation, Painting, Preservation & Improvement projects (federal program)	Adds \$20 million in stimulus funding to the projects. Temporarily reduces allocation of Bridge funding by approximately \$19.5 million. Bridge funding will be restored with Amendment #1.	
14188C	Hampton	Electrical upgrades/repairs to bridge control panel on bridge over Hampton River – 235/025	Delays construction from 2009 to 2010 and adds \$10,000.	Informational change
10044B	Plaistow-Kingston	Reconstruct from East Rd in Plaistow northerly approx. 6.0 miles to NH 125 and Main St intersection in Kingston.	Adds \$32,000 in Right-of-Way funds and shifts some ROW expenditures from 2009 to 2010	Informational Change
12900	Portsmouth	Reconstruct from Traffic Circle north to Sarah Long Bridge including Bridges 227/112, 211/114, & 205/116	Consolidated funding sources for the project, increased PE by \$16,000 and shifted all of it to 2010.	Informational Change
13455	Portsmouth	Reconstruct from Sagamore Creek project to Traffic Circle, including bridges 173/071, 183/087, 188/097, 189/100, 192/106	Consolidated funding sources for the project, increased PE by \$16,000 and shifted all of it to 2010.	Informational Change
14430A	Salem	Transit service for employees in the region connecting Salem to other communities with the goal of fixed route transit (CMAQ Program)[Part of 04-20CM] [ESP]	Increased funding for the project with \$210,000 in Economic Stimulus funds	Informational Change
13933F	Salem to Manchester	Brookdale Road, Bridge replacement & Approaches (Salem)	Project advanced from 20011 to 2009 replacing NHS funds with Economic Stimulus funds	Informational Change
Statewide	Transit	Elderly and Persons with Disabilities transportation program	Adjusts allocation for 2009 from \$750,000 to \$803,000	Informational Change
Statewide	Transit	Job Access & Reverse Commute	Adjusts funding estimates to current allocation levels	Informational change
Statewide	Transit	New Freedoms Initiative	Adjusts funding estimates to current allocation levels	Informational change

We concur that these projects are eligible for amendments through the Administrative Modification process. Our TIP Amendment procedures (Section 6.5, MPO Prospectus) allow such modifications by action of the Executive Director provided that no exceptions are raised by MPO members. MPO TAC and Policy members were notified by email of the proposed modifications on February 10, 2009. As of the close of business today (February 13, 2009), I have received no requests from MPO members that the change be handled as a full amendment.

It was determined through Interagency Consultation (IAC) that the revisions do not impact the air quality conformity determination or change the financial constraint of the STIP. Based on this information, the administrative modifications are approved. By copy of this letter I am informing the New Hampshire office of the FHWA, Region 1 of FTA and NHDES – Air Resources Division of this action.

Please contact me should you have any questions about our actions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cliff Sinnott", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cliff Sinnott
Executive Director

cc: Leigh Levine, FHWA
Bill Gordon, FTA
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